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### **State Historical Society website offers index to Fourth SD Infantry, 1917**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives recently added an online index listing more than 1,000 names of those who served with the Fourth South Dakota Infantry during Mexican Border Service from 1916 to 1917.

Volunteers compiled the list, taken from the book, *Fourth South Dakota Infantry, Mexican Border Service, 1916-1917*. Martin L. French of Howard, a sergeant with the Fourth South Dakota Supply Company, at one time, donated a copy of the book to the State Historical Society.

Information found in the online index includes name, rank, address, company, and notes where applicable. According to the book, name and rank were current as of Jan. 10, 1917.

Included with the company list are rosters of the mounted orderlies, medical detachment, machine gun company, supply company, infantry band, and baseball team.

Gov. Frank M. Byrne received a telegram from the Secretary of War on June 18, 1916 to mobilize “one regiment of infantry.” Most of the companies in the regiment had gathered in Redfield by June 24, 1916. They left for San Benito, Texas, on July 31, 1916 (a four-day trip) and served until March 3, 1917.

Visit the State Historical Society-Archives website at [www.history.sd.gov/archives](http://www.history.sd.gov/archives) and link to the “For Genealogists” website. The website lists the “Fourth SD Infantry, 1917” index, as well as other searchable databases available on the State Archives website.

To donate items relating to the history of South Dakota please, contact Matthew Reitzel, manuscript archivist, at (605) 773-3615 or Dan Brosz, curator of collections, at (605) 773-6013.

The State Historical Society-Archives is located in the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The State Archives is open Monday-Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Contact the archives by phone at (605) 773-3804 or email [archref@state.sd.us](mailto:archref@state.sd.us)

**Caption Information:** Photograph of Company “C” of the Fourth SD Infantry at San Benito, Texas. Captain Clarence P. Evers (far right) held the distinction of being the youngest captain (at age 25) in the Fourth SD. Company “C” was made up almost entirely of students from either South Dakota State College or Brookings High School. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives)

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